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21st Navajo Nation Council confirms appointment of William Platero to probationary district court judge

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 21st Navajo Nation Council confirmed the appointment of William J. Platero as a probationary district court judge of the Navajo Nation at a special session of the Council June 30.

Approval from the Council for Platero's confirmation came after the Judiciary Committee and the **Ethics & Rules** Committee gave its "Do Pass" consent.

After the Council voted 76-0 to confirm Platero, he took his oath of office from Judge Allen Sloan.

Platero previously was employed as a senior prosecutor for the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor in Crownpoint, N.M. Prior to that, he worked for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice as a senior tribal court advocate, senior prosecutor in Alamo, N.M., and juvenile presenting officer for the Office of the Prosecutor in Ramah, N.M.

Platero received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of New Mexico and an Associates of Applied Science degree in Legal Assistant Studies from TVI Community College in Albuquerque, N.M.

Platero will serve as a probationary judge for the next two years — at which time the Council will reconsider his confirmation as a non-probationary judge.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr. (Many Farms/Round Rock) said the Judicial Committee is continuing to request applicants for several district court vacancies.



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